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Notice to Comply	Application No. 10/540,394	Applicant(s) SUNAHARA ET AL.	
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NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

Applicant must file the items indicated below within the time period set the Office action to which the Notice is attached to avoid abandonment under 35 U.S.C. § 133 (extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)).

The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825 for the following reason(s):

- 1. This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998).
- 2. This application does not contain, as a separate part of the disclosure on paper copy, a "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c).
- 3. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e).
- 4. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has been submitted. However, the content of the computer readable form does not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.822 and/or 1.823, as indicated on the attached copy of the marked -up "Raw Sequence Listing."
- 5. The computer readable form that has been filed with this application has been found to be damaged and/or unreadable as indicated on the attached CRF Diskette Problem Report. A Substitute computer readable form must be submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.825(d).
- 6. The paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" is not the same as the computer readable form of the "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e). The correct SEQ ID NO:2 is present in the paper copy of the sequence listing only. Therefore a search of the correct sequence is not possible.
- 7. Other: There appears to be errors in the current sequence listing. Please see attached Office communication.

Applicant Must Provide:

- An initial or substitute computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing".
- An initial or substitute paper copy of the "Sequence Listing", **as well as an amendment specifically directing its entry into the application.**
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This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 for the reason(s) set forth on the attached Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures. Applicant must comply with the requirements of the sequence rules (37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825) before the application can be examined under 35 U.S.C. §§ 131 and 132.

In this case, it appears that there are errors in the current sequence listing because it is noted that not all of the sequences presented in the sequence listing match the sequences disclosed in the specification. For example, the specification teaches at pages 72 and 73 that "The amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1) encoded by the base sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 2 completely coincided with SEMA4B protein encoded by

SEMA4B gene (GenBank Accession No. XM 044533 gene)". Therefore, it appears that SEQ ID NO:1 should have the identical amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence disclosed by GenBank Accession No. XM 044533. However, these two sequences have different amino acid sequences over residues 384-389. In a telephone call on December 17, 2007, Applicant's representative, Mr. William Simmons, apprised the Examiner of this error and indicated that other corrections to the sequence listing were also needed because of similar errors.

Accordingly, as the current sequence listing does not properly identify the sequences disclosed in the specification it is submitted that this application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. Additionally, until these errors are corrected the Application cannot be further examined because the currently examined claims are drawn in part to antibodies that specifically bind SEQ ID NO:1.

Finally, Applicant is directed to 37 CFR § 1.821, that discusses, "nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosures in patent applications" to ensure sequence compliance for disclosed sequences. Notably, to properly introduce the correct amino acid sequences identified by accession numbers, Applicant must submit paper and computer-readable copies of a sequence listing, together with an amendment directing its entry into the specification and a statement that the content of both copies are the same and include no new matter.

APPLICANT IS GIVEN 30 days FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER WITHIN WHICH TO COMPLY WITH THE SEQUENCE RULES, 37 C.F.R.. §§ 1.821-1.825. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in ABANDONMENT of the application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g). Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. In no case may an applicant extend the period for response beyond the six month statutory period. Direct the response to the undersigned. Applicant is requested to return a copy of the attached Notice to Comply with the response.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brad Duffy whose telephone number is (571) 272-9935. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM with alternate Fridays off. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms can be reached on (571) 272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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